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Letter No.: 98-2  
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TO: ALL COUNTY MEDICAL SERVICES PROGRAM (CMSP) COUNTY  
WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: CHANGE IN THE MEDI-CAL DEFINITION OF A MARRIED MINOR CHILD  
LIVING IN THE HOME AND THE CMSP

REFERENCE: MEDI-CAL All COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS LETTER  
(ACWDL) 98-11

The Medi-Cal ACWDL 98-11, issued on March 3, 1998, advised counties that the definition of a married minor child living in the married minor's parents home had been changed effective January 9, 1998. Medi-Cal regulations now regard any married minor who is living with his or her parents to be a child. The married minor's parents are now financially responsible for the minor regardless if the minor is claimed as a tax dependent or otherwise viewed as emancipated.

This letter is to advise CMSP counties that the Eligibility Committee of the CMSP Governing Board established that this change in definition will have no impact on the CMSP, and CMSP regulations will not be changed. In those situations where a married minor is living with his or her parents, only the parents' own income and resources are to be used in the CMSP eligibility determination. In addition, the unmarried minor and his or her spouse are not to be included in the CMSP Family Budget Unit.

If you have any questions, please direct them to Mr. Gary Varner of my staff at (916) 322-1613 or by facsimile at (916) 323-3350.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda McFarland".

Linda McFarland, Chief  
County Medical Services Program Unit

cc: See next page.

All CMSP County Welfare Directors

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